



DID YOU KNOW?

21 Trivia Tidbits From *THE ESPN COLLEGE BASKETBALL ENCYCLOPEDIA: The Complete History of the Men's Game*

1. How great was Lew Alcindor (today's Kareem Abdul-Jabbar)?

In his very first game in a UCLA jersey in 1965, he scored 31 points as the FRESHMAN TEAM beat the nation's No. 1-ranked UCLA varsity, 75-60. In his varsity debut in 1966, he scored 56 points against Southern Cal. In his last game in 1969 he amassed 37 points and 20 rebounds against Purdue to win his and UCLA's third straight NCAA championship. *UCLA's three-year record in the Alcindor era: 88-2.*

2. Which two teams beat Alcindor's UCLA Bruins?

Houston, 71-69 in the Jan. 20, 1968 "Game of the Century" in the Astrodome; and USC, 46-44, in the final week of the 1968-69 regular season.

3. Who was the only three-time first-team All-America NEVER to play in the NCAA Tournament (after it expanded beyond eight teams, in 1951)?

Pete Maravich (LSU).

4. What percentage of his field goals did the spectacular Julius "Dr. J" Erving score on dunk shots for Massachusetts?

Zero. Dunking was illegal in college basketball from 1967-76.

5. What distinguished North Carolina's run to the 1957 NCAA Championship?

The Tar Heels *won consecutive triple-overtime games on consecutive days* to beat Michigan State in the semifinals and Wilt Chamberlain's Kansas the Final. UNC's smallest starter, Tommy Kearns, contested the opening tip against Chamberlain.

6. Arkansas had to drop out of the 1944 NCAA Tournament because two players were hurt while changing a flat tire. Utah, a first-round NIT loser, took the Razorbacks' place at the last minute — and WON THE NCAA TOURNAMENT.

7. UCLA didn't just win 10 titles in 12 years. The Bruins achieved a record 54 straight winning seasons, from 1948-49 through 2001-02.

8. Tweet-tweet: The 1978-79 Player of the Year was Indiana State's Larry Bird. The winner of that season's Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award—for the best player six feet tall or under—was Columbia's 5'7" Alton Byrd.

9. When he was a high school senior in 1980-81, 143 players were ranked higher than Charles Barkley.

- 10. Which school has gone to the NCAA Tournament under the greatest number of different head coaches?**
Western Kentucky, 11. (E.A. Diddle, John Oldham, Jim Richards, Gene Keady, Clem Haskins, Murray Arnold, Ralph Willard, Matt Kilcullen, Dennis Felton, Darrin Horn, Ken McDonald.)
- 11. Which team has spent the most total weeks in the Associated Press Top 20/25 poll *without ever reaching No. 1*?**
Maryland, 352 weeks. (Followed by Purdue, 263; Villanova, 241; Utah, 212.)
- 12. Which was the last school to occupy the No. 1 ranking in the AP poll for an entire season?**
Duke (1991-92 season, 18 straight weeks)
- 13. Most consecutive weeks as the No. 1 team in the AP poll:**
UCLA: 46 weeks (last six weeks of 1970-71, all of 1971-72, all of 1972-73, first eight weeks of 1973-74)
Ohio State: 27 (all of 1960-61; all of 1961-62)
UCLA: 23 (all of 1966-67, first eight weeks of 1967-68)
San Francisco: 20 (last five weeks of 1954-55, all of 1955-56)
Duke: 18 (all of 1991-92)
Indiana: 17 (all of 1975-76)
UNLV: 17 (all of 1990-91)
Cincinnati: 16 (all of 1962-63)
- 14. Who is the only coach to have two college arenas named after him?**
John McLendon (North Carolina Central and Tennessee State).
- 15. Name the only coach to win both his first and his last coaching matchups against John Wooden's UCLA Bruins?**
Marv Harshman of Washington State, and later, Washington.
- 16. Who is the shortest player ever to lead the nation in scoring?**
Keydren Clark (5'8") of St. Peter's, 26.7 ppg in 2003-04.
- 17. Which team has the most NCAA Tournament appearances *without ever reaching a Final Four*?**
BYU (24 appearances).
- 18. Before he won his first of 10 NCAA championships in 12 seasons, John Wooden's record in the NCAA Tournament was 3-9.**
- 19. On Jan 12, 1992, Troy University beat DeVry, 258-141.** The game featured 51 three-pointers and 190 field goal attempts.
- 20. The next 20-win season for Brown *will be its first*.** The Ivy League Bears reached a school-record 19 wins in 2007-08, the most since the program's inception in 1901.
- 21. Which is the only team of the 73 that comprise the six major (BCS) conferences that *has never played in the NCAA Tournament*?**
Northwestern. Two others have made the Tournament, but have never won a game: South Florida and Nebraska.